

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 15th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Park board will be held in person at City Hall located at 31 S Madison St on the third floor.

Copies of the packet and/or agenda are available at
http://www.ci.evansville.wi.gov/city_government/public_agendas_minutes/park_board.php

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Made by Chairperson Lewis at 6:00 pm

2. Roll call

Lewis, Merritt, Pooch, Fuson. Prudhon attended at 6:30 pm Absent was: Espinoza. Also in attendance were Chad Renly, Ray Anderson and Kris Evans.

3. Motion to approve the agenda Fuson/Pooch 4-0

4. Motion to waive the reading of the October 18th, 2022 minutes and approve them as printed. Fuson / Merritt 4-0

5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed

- none

6. New business

- Renly reports a rep from KOMPAN reached out to him regarding outdoor adult workout equipment for parks. In 2026 there is \$230,000 set aside for playground equipment. Pooch says there is some outdoor workout equipment at the high school. Location of the equipment is unknown currently. The Committee was open to the idea of future placement.

7. Park's report

- General report – Anderson reports that the bathrooms are all winterized and leaves are done being picked up.
- Lake Leota Dam repair– Renly reports that the cofferdam was put out to bid. Four bids were received. Lunda Construction had the lowest bid (\$123,000). Council wanted to know why they are so much cheaper than the other bids. Lunda is a large bride company and has all the necessary materials available to them. They will not need to rent material or equipment. DNR currently has the bid and will need to grant the final approval. We will then send an award letter to Lunda Construction to have the cofferdam installed by December 15th, 2022.
- Geese Population – Gene Prudhon is wondering how we will keep the geese off the splash pad at Lake Leota Park. Prudhon discussed goose population with Renly. There is a company that performs addling, which is spraying eggs with oil to render them non-fertile. Anderson reports that the lights have helped the population go down. There has been a 2/3 reduction from the lights. There are also buoys available to deter the geese from coming in. The buoys cost \$400 per

unit. Renly would like to add more lights. Renly has a call in to the company that sprays the eggs to get a rough estimate on cost. The current plan will be to add more lights for the next season.

- Ice Rink – Kris Evans is in attendance to talk about putting an ice rink in Evansville as a great addition to our community as a winter activity. Two options would be to have the ice rink on the lake or build an ice rink elsewhere. The pro for the ice rink at the lake would be unlimited size and it cleans itself. The con for the ice rink at the lake would be losing time in the winter because of the wait time for the ice to get thick enough (5-6" minimum). Limited season of 6-8 weeks at Lake Leota. Built rink extends the season but there will be a cost involved. Liner would be a onetime use or recurring cost. \$370 estimated cost for sheet of plastic that would act as a liner. Estimate for lumber for building the rink would be a few thousand. Ten families are interested in volunteering to clear off snow. Resurfacing needs to happen every 7-10 days. Zambonis can be manufactured for roughly \$200. Lighting will need to be taken into consideration. Locations to consider if not constructed on Lake Leota would be Countryside Park. Westside Park would be a suitable permanent home. Countryside has some parking and access issues. Anderson reports that some temporary lighting could be set up at Countryside. Money would not be available in the budget for a larger rink this year. Further information will be gathered for the next meeting.
- Multimodal Pathway Benches – Poock reports a citizen asking for benches on Westside trail. She is looking for funding for benches. Memorial benches that are already approved for use in Lake Leota could be an option. Ideas are a senior project, grants, or fundraising. The metal memorial benches in Leota are around \$1300 each. There is no available funding in the budget for the benches, but the city would provide a concrete slab for the bench to sit on. Trash cans, trees or dog waste bag dispensers are ideas to go next to the benches. Signs are also an option to deter dog waste.

8. Pool report

- General Report – nothing

9. Old business

- Park & pool design update– Poock spoke to city council and provided an update on fundraising efforts for the pool project. Current total is \$130,000.00 City council approved the idea of selling the rights to naming the pool. \$500,000 donation to choose the name of Westside Park. Naming rights will ultimately be up to the City for approval. Memorial for Veterans will stay at Lake Leota in the historic district. The splash pad will be named the Veterans Memorial Splash pad.

10. Other

- **Meeting reminder:** Regular meeting on December 20th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Motion to adjourn

Fuson / Poock 5-0